

MEDIA RELEASE

VOLUNTEER TRAINING AT THE LIBRARY Adult and Teen Volunteers Needed for Summer Reading Program

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The Santa Barbara Public Library System seeks energetic volunteers to help with all aspects of the Summer Reading Program. The 2013 program, "Dig Into Reading," begins on June 11 and runs through July 31. Adults and teens interested in welcoming families, explaining the program, enrolling participants, discussing books with children, awarding prizes, and assisting with weekly family events can sign up now! Volunteers are encouraged to contact their local library branch for more information.

A volunteer training session will be conducted on Tuesday, June 11, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at the Central Library, located at 40 E. Anapamu St. in Santa Barbara. Volunteers are encouraged to attend the training session to prepare for this opportunity.

Volunteers trained at the Central Library are welcome to use their talent at any branch of the Santa Barbara Public Library System.

The annual Summer Reading Program is a library tradition that instills a lifelong love of learning by encouraging children to read and participate in events over the summer. Volunteer outreach efforts are supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Partners in Education, and the Junior League of Santa Barbara.

For more information, contact any branch of the Santa Barbara Public Library or call Lisa Gonzalez at 805-564-5674. Visit the library system's website <u>SBPLibrary.org</u> to find out about this and other programs at the Santa Barbara Public Library System libraries. All library programs are FREE and open to the public.

"Dig Into Reading" Summer Reading Program page: http://www.cslpreads.org/

Partners in Education page: http://www.sbceo.org/~partners/

Institute of Museum and Library Services page: http://www.imls.gov/

Junior League of Santa Barbara page: http://www.jlsantabarbara.org/

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